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1. SUMMARY: LEADING TAIPEI PAPERS NOVEMBER 27  
CONTINUED CARRY WIRE SERVICE REPORTS SECRETARY KISSINGER'S  
PEKING ACTIVITIES WITHOUT EDITORIAL COMMENTS. CHINA  
TIMES WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT JACK CHOW MAINTAINED  
FAILURE FORD AND KISSINGER VISIT TAIWAN DIDN'T MEAN  
ROC-U.S. RELATIONS DOWNGRADED, RATHER BECAUSE ROC  
OCCUPIES SPECIAL, DELICATE POSITION IN U.S.-PRC  
NORMALIZATION EFFORTS, QUOTED UNNAMED U.S. OFFICIAL  
SAYING TAIWAN ISSUE NOT OBSTACLE THESE EFFORTS TIME  
BEING. END SUMMARY.

2. LEADING UNITED DAILY NEWS (320,000), CHINA TIMES  
(280,000), KNT'S OFFICIAL CENTRAL DAILY NEWS (220,000)  
CONTINUED CARRY WIRE SERVICE REPORTS KISSINGERS PEKING  
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ACTIVITIES WITHOUT EDITORIAL COMMENT. AFP QUOTED SAYING

VISIT MOSTLY ROUTINE WITH NO MAJOR DEVELOPMENT EXPECTED;  
UPI SAID KISSINGER AGREED EARLY WASHINGTON MEETING WITH  
TENG HSIAO-PING; AP SAID KISSINGER BRIEFED PRC LEADERS  
ON VLADIVOSTOK MEETING WITH ASSURANCES NO SECRET UNDER-  
STANDINGS.

3. CHINA TIMES' WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT JACK CHOW  
SAID HE ASKED HIGHLY-PLACED AMERICAN OFFICIAL IN  
WASHINGTON LAST WEEK WHY FORD AND KISSINGER DIDN'T VISIT  
ROC. U.S. OFFICIAL QUOTED SAYING: WHEN U.S. DECIDED  
ACCOMMODATE PEKING, TAIWAN ISSUE HAD AT SAME TIME BEEN  
SHELVED TEMPORARILY AND THIS ACCEPTED BY CHINESE  
COMMUNISTS. THEREFORE, U.S. TRIED EVERY WAY NOT LET  
TAIWAN ISSUE BECOME OBSTACLE NORMALIZATION EFFORTS.  
DEVELOPMENT PERFECTLY NATURAL. LEAST FOR TIME BEING  
ISSUE NOT AN OBSTACLE NORMALIZATION EFFORTS. CHOW  
SAID FORD AND KISSINGER FAILURE VISIT TAIWAN DIDN'T MEAN  
ROC-U.S. RELATIONS CONSIDERED INFERIOR U.S.-JAPAN OR  
U.S.-ROK. RATHER, ROC OCCUPIES SPECIAL, DELICATE  
POSITION IN RELATION U.S.-PRC NORMALIZATION EFFORTS.  
DOESN'T MEAN FORD AND KISSINGER DEGRADE IMPORTANCE  
OF ROC-U.S. RELATIONS. OTHERWISE THE U.S. WOULD HAVE  
BACKED DOWN ON TAIWAN ISSUE ALREADY. FACT THAT U.S.,  
REGARDLESS MAOIST OPPOSITION, CONTINUED MAINTAIN  
DIPLOMATIC, TREATY AND TRADITIONAL FRIENDSHIP INDICATED  
IMPORTANCE ATTACHED ROC-S. RELATIONSHIP. WHILE U.S.-  
PEKING RELATIONSHIP DEVELOPING, QUESTION OF WHETHER U.S.  
PRESIDENT OR SECRETARY OF STATE, PARTICULARLY KISSINGER,  
WILL VISIT ROC ENTIRELY ANOTHER MATTER. DELICATE  
POSITION ROC OCCUPIES IN U.S.-PEKING RELATIONS SOMEWHAT  
LIKE MAOIST POSITION IN U.S.-USSR RELATIONS. AS ROC-  
U.S. RELATIONSHIP AFFECTS GENERAL DEVELOPMENT OF  
U.S.-PEKING RELATIONS, SAME TRUE OF U.S.-PEKING  
RELATIONSHIP AFFECTING GENERAL DEVELOPMENT OF U.S.-USSR  
RELATIONS. IN SUM, FORD AND KISSINGER TRIPS WERE TO SHOW  
U.S. INTENTION EXTENDING NIXON POLICY DETENTE WITH  
SOVIET UNION AND NORMALIZATION RELATIONS WITH MAOISTS.  
FORD'S JAPAN AND ROK VISITS MEANT TO REAFFIRM U.S. HAS  
NO INTENTION RETREATING FROM ASIA, OR ABANDONING ASIAN  
ALLIES, DESPITE DETENTE EFFORTS WITH RUSSIANS AND MAOISTS.  
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CHOW EXPECTED NO SURPRISING DEVELOPMENTS FROM KISSINGER'S  
PEKING VISIT, MAINLY BECAUSE BOTH SIDES SATISFIED WITH  
STATUS QUO, ESPECIALLY U.S.  
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